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CONFERENCES

Next FID Conference in London

The 27th Conference of FID will be held in London from September 6-16, 1961. (Please note: the previous announcement of September 16-21 is incorrect). The Conference will be organized by Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London S.W. 1, National member of FID.

The proposed theme of the conference is „Information to the enterprise". The *provisional* programme reads as follows:

September 6- 9: FID Study Committees
„ 11-12: Bureau and General Assembly
„ 13 : High points in documentation in selected member countries
„ 14 : The needs for information: scientific/technical, and managerial and economic
„ 15 : How these needs are met
„ 16 : Bureau and General Assembly

Executive Bureau of FID

The Bureau met in The Hague on September 19 and 20, 1960. A few candidates for the post of General Secretary were interviewed. A report will be submitted to the General Assembly. It was decided to defer action on an FID programme for translation services until the outcome of a meeting of the OEEC in October would be known. Suggestions were made for improved action of the UDC Committee and on the future planning of the UDC. The matter will further be studied by an ad hoc committee, however it was already decided to recommend that the General Assembly consider FID/CCC as the main body responsible for the development of the UDC.

The next Bureau meeting will be held in Paris on January 13 and 14, 1961, probably followed by a meeting in The Hague in April.

Documentation in the natural sciences

Representatives of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) and FID met in The Hague on September 16 and 17, 1960, to discuss action aimed at the improvement of documentation and information in the natural sciences.

Awaiting formal approval of the four organizations represented, it was unanimously agreed to suggest a cooperation in the development of programmes commonly agreed although they may be executed separately and severally by the constituent bodies. It was considered essential that these programmes be developed in close association with Unesco.

South African libraries and documentation

A Meeting of Specialists on Libraries and Documentation would be held at Bukavu from September 26 to 30, 1960. The Meeting, however, has been postponed. The Meeting is organized by the Scientific Council of Africa South of the Sahara (CSA) created in 1949 by the Commission for Technical Cooperation in Africa South of the Sahara (CCTA). (For further details on CCTA/CSA we may refer to an article by Hazel Mews on Scientific documentation in Africa South of the Sahara in the „Revue de la Documentation", Vol. 26, 1959, No. 4, p. 87-93.)

The holding of this Meeting was decided at the 10th Session of CSA in September 1959, with the aim of ensuring better cooperation between the libraries and better information of the specialized scientific public. The draft agenda for the Meeting includes a review of existing resources (directory of libraries, list of specialists, library catalogues, lists of periodicals, listing of scientific research) and the creation and activities of new documentation centres (geographical distribution, functions, organization, abstracting, index cards).

General Conference of Unesco

Dr. Alexander King, President of FID, will represent our Federation as an observer at the 11th Session of the General Conference of Unesco which will be held in Paris from November 14 to December 13, 1960.

Library development in South Asia

Mr. S. Parthasarathy accepted to represent FID at Unesco's Regional Seminar on Library development in South Asia, Delhi, October 3 to 14, 1960.

Photography

Dr. Bruno Balbis accepted to represent FID at the 2nd Congress of the International Center of Still and Animated Photography, Florence, September 28 to October 1, 1960.

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation

Die 12. Jahresversammlung und Arbeitstagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Dokumentation (DGD) wird vom 17. bis 21. Oktober 1960 in Würzburg stattfinden.

Das programm enthält öffentliche Sitzungen der Arbeitsausschüsse der Gesellschaft: 1. Terminologie und Sprachfragen, 2. Reprographie, 3. Kostengrundlagen der Dokumentation, 4. Automatische Dokumentation, und 5. Medizin.

Bibliographie en Amérique Latine

Un stage régional d'études sur la bibliographie, la documentation et les échanges internationaux de publications en Amérique Latine, organisé par le Gouvernement du Mexique, avec l'aide de l'Unesco, se tiendra à Mexico du 21 novembre au 4 décembre 1960.

L'ordre du jour provisoire est le suivant: 1. Bibliographie d'Amérique Centrale et des Caraïbes (bibliographies courantes et catalogues collectifs); 2. Bibliographie et documentation (services bibliographiques et centres de documentation, unification des principes de catalogage, formation professionnelle), et 3. Echange international des publications.

Pour de plus amples renseignements, prière de s'adresser à la Division des Bibliothèques, de la Documen-

tation, et des Archives, Unesco, Place de Fontenoy, Paris 7e.

Information symposium

An International Symposium on the Transmission and Processing of Information is being planned for September 6-8, *1961* at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the presentation of significant new research contributions, of either a theoretical or experimental nature. The communications will be distributed at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Submission of papers is invited. A 500-1000 words abstract should be submitted before January 1, 1961, to Mr. R. M. Fano, Research Laboratory of Electronics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge 39, Mass., USA.
(Scient. Inf. Notes, Aug.-Sept. 1960)

Information processing

The Council of the International Federation of Information Processing Societies, created after the conference in Paris in June 1959, announced that the Second International Conference on Information Processing will be held in Germany in September *1962*.

In addition to the organization of the Conference in Germany, one of the activities of the Federation will be the coordination of standards in the field of information processing.

Additional information may be obtained from Mr. I. L. Auerbach, Auerbach Electronic Corporation, 1634 Arch Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa. USA.
(Scient. Inf. Notes, Aug.-Sept. 1960).

ICSU Abstracting Board

Two groups associated with the Abstracting Board of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) met in Europe in July 1960.

The *Editors Meeting,* attended by editors of member abstracting services, met in Paris from July 11 to 13. Discussed were the various phases of the mechanization of information recording, storage, and handling; standardization of journal abbreviations and transliteration systems; and the status of the programme for the distribution and exchange of author abstracts at the page proof stage.

On July 14 and 15, the *Executive Committee* of the ICSU Abstracting Board met in El Escorial, Spain. This meeting marked the first attendance of a representative of the International Union of Biological Sciences, biology being the subject area into which the Board recently extended its programme. The Board discussed the report of the Editors Meeting and considered its relationship to other international bodies concerned with various phases of scientific information, and how the Board might best contribute to the improvement of certain aspects of primary publication which influence the effectiveness of scientific abstracting.
(Scient. Inf. Notes, Aug.-Sept. 1960)

Machine translation of languages

The Autonomics Division of the National Physical Laboratory announces the convening of an international conference on Machine Translation of Languages and Applied Language Analysis, to be held during 5th-8th September, *1961,* at the Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex, England.

Written contributions to the conference are invited from workers engaged directly in research into the machine translation of natural languages and also from those who are concerned with the syntactic or semantic analysis of languages, where such analysis may be of help in achieving machine translation.

Papers should be sent to the Chairman of the papers subcommittee of the appropriate area, depending on the country of origin of authors, to be received by him by 31st January, 1961:

USSR, Eastern Europe: Professor D. Panov
USA: Professor L. Dostert, Georgetown University, 1715 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington 6, D.C.
All other countries: Dr. A. M. Uttley, Superintendent, Autonomics Division, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex, England.

Details of the Conference programme and of arrangements for registration of delegates will be announced in the spring of 1961.

SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS

Scandinavian research

The Scandinavian Council for Applied Research (SCAR) - also called Nordiska Forsknigsdelegationen (Nordforsk) is a joint body established by the following research organisations:

Denmark:	Danish Academy of Technical Sciences, and Research Council of Technical Sciences
Finland:	Academy of Technical Sciences, State Institute for Technical Research, and Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences in Finland
Iceland:	National Research Council of Iceland
Norway:	The Royal Norwegian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
Sweden:	The Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, the Swedish Natural Science Research Council, and the Swedish Technical Research Council.

Secretary is: Miss Elin Törnudd, Scandinavian Council for Applied Research, Gaustadalléen 30, Blindern, Norway.

SCAR's activities in the field of documentation and information service are the following:

1. Scandinavian Committee on Technical Information Service
   Chairman: Mr. Einar Öhman, Swedish Ironmasters' Association, Kungsträdgardsgåtan 6, Stockholm, Sweden.
   Secretary: Miss Elin Törnudd.
2. Scandinavian symposia on documentation. The third symposium will be held in Finland on May 29 to 31, 1961.
3. Scandinavian Committee on Education in Documentation
   Chairman: Mr. Erwin Engel, Librarian of the First Department, the Research Institute of Swedish Defence, Box 416, Sundbyberg 4, Sweden.
   Secretary: Mrs. Kajsa Hellström, Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, Box 5073, Stockholm 5, Sweden.
   The second course was announced in the last issue of our Bulletin.
4. Scandinavian Documentation Centre (SCANDOC) in Washington, DC, USA, established on May 18th, 1960. The purpose of SCANDOC is to further mutual exchange of scientific and technical information and documentation between the Scandinavian countries, and USA and Canada. Miss Elin Törnudd is the secretary of the Scandinavian Advisory Committee for SCANDOC.
5. Recently a *Scandinavian Research Guide* was published by SCAR. It is a directory of more than 1500 research institutions, organizations, universities and information centres and their activities in technology and the sciences (exclusive of life sciences) in the Scandinavian countries. The 2 volume Guide costs $ 10.

Documentation in France

In the June issue of our News Bulletin (Vol. 10, 1960, No. 6) we announced that a Documentation Committee had been appointed by the French Prime Minister. The names of its members were added.

Under the Ministère de l'Education Nationale are placed the Conseil National de Recherches Scientifiques (CNRS) with its well-known Documentation Service, and the Direction des Bibliothèques de France with the Comité français de la documentation, National member of FID.

The Prime Minister instituted a „Délégation générale de la Recherche scientifique et technique" for advice on national programmes which are to coordinate research done at various ministries. The Documentation Committee is one of the committees of the „Délégation".

Discussions on improved action on the national level will automatically lead to a study of international relations. Through its membership there is close liaison between the new Committee and our National member body. Studies may eventually lead to a reorganization of our National member body.

TRAINING COURSES

Enseignement en France

L'Union Française des Organismes de Documentation (UFOD) fondée en 1940, a organisé des cours dès 1945, est c'est en accord avec l'UFOD que l'Institut national des techniques de la documentation (INTD) a été créé en 1950 au Conservatoire des Arts et Métiers. L'INTD est actuellement le seul établissement autorisé à délivrer des diplômes de documentalistes. Cependant l'UFOD continue à donner un enseignement pour les aides-documentalistes et décerne un brevet correspondant.

Succédant à l'Ecole franco-américaine à Paris, une Ecole de Bibliothécaires a été fondée en 1935. Elle a reçu l'hospitalité de l'Université Catholique de Paris. L'enseignement comprend des cours de technique et d'histoire du livre, d'histoire et d'administration des bibliothèques, de classification et catalogage, et de bibliographie. Les études se terminent par un examen permettant d'obtenir le diplôme de l'Ecole. Les élèves peuvent aussi se présenter à l'examen de l'Etat.

FID STUDY COMMITTEES

New members

FID/CA „General theory of classification"
Mrs. Pauline Atherton, Chicago Teachers College, Chicago, Ill., USA.

Document reproduction
Mr. P. M. Dorleijn, Documentatiedienst, KLM, Schiphol, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

National members, who have not yet done so are kindly requested to appoint their representatives at an early date.

UNIVERSAL DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION

Nuclear energy

The revised classification of nuclear physics (UDC 539.1) and nuclear technology (UDC 621.039) has been published in the *Extensions and Corrections to the UDC*, Series 3 No. 6 of August 1959. Complementary extensions to UDC 539. 1 were published in Series 4 No. 2 of July 1960.

FID is in contact with international organizations in the field of nuclear science in order to promote the utilization of the UDC in this field. The International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna nominated Mr. P. I. Nikitin, Head of the Documentation Section of the Agency, to take part in any work on the further development to the problem of classification of nuclear energy and respective provisions for the continuation of this work have been included in the draft programme of the Agency for 1961.

Recently the Agency granted consultative status to FID.

FID PUBLICATIONS

FID's long-term programme

The „Outline of a long term policy" of FID (publ. 325) appeared in January 1960. The english version and the versions in French, German, Portuguese and Spanish are now available from the General secretariat of FID, Hofweg 7, The Hague, and from the national members of FID in Belgium, Brazil, France, Germany, Mexico, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom and USA.

Copies are moreover available from the national committees being organized in Argentine, Chile, Uruguay and Venezuela:

Argentine:	Dr. Raúl Luis Cardón, Secretario Ejecutivo, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas, Paseo Colón 225, 9° piso, Buenos Aires
Chile:	Dr. von Bennewitz, Technical Secretary, Universidad de Chile, Santiago de Chile
Uruguay:	Biblioteca Nacional, Centro de Documentación Científica, Técnica y Económica, Calle Guayabo 1793, Montevideo
Venezuela:	Universidad Central de Venezuela, Biblioteca, Caracas

The Russian version is at the printers' and will appear at the end of this year.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

US Indexing and Abstracting Services

A compilation of abstracting, indexing, and title-announcement services originating in the United States and covering the fields of science and technology has been published by the Library of Congress under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation.

The „Guide to U.S. Indexing and Abstracting Services in Science and Technology", containing brief descriptions of approximately 500 bibliographic services, may be obtained from the National Federation of Science Abstracting and Indexing Services, 301 East Capitol Street, Washington 3, DC, at the price of US $ 2,-.
(from LC Inf. Bull. August 8, 1960)

Machine searching and translation

The Proceedings of the International Conference on Standards for a Common Language for Machine Searching and Translation (Cleveland, September 1959) will be published by Interscience Publishers, Inc., 250 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N.Y.

The first volume (on machine literature searching) was scheduled to appear in September 1960, the second volume is concerned with the problem of machine translation and the search for a common machine language; its publication is announced for November this year. The price for each volume has been set at $ 15.—
(Scient. Inf. Notes, Aug.-Sept. 1960)

PERSONALIA

Mr. Brian C. Vickery, formerly of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., joined the DSIR Lending Library Unit at 20 Chester Terrace, London N.W. 1, as from July 1, 1960.

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Visits received

Dr. M. Reichenbach, Facharzt für Chirurgie, Arbeitsstelle Allianz Versicherungs A.G. in Munich, visited the General Secretariat on July 4 for information on extensions to UDC 61 and 36.

Mrs. Elisa B. Bachofen de Mestorino from the Instituto Nacional de Tecnologia Industrial in Buenos Aires, Argentine, visited the FID General Secretariat on July 18, 1960.

Miss Dr. L. Parmeggiani of the Scuola di Perfezionamento in Scienze Amministrative of the Universitá di Bologna, accompanied by Miss T. Matteveci, visited the General Secretariat on August 31 to obtain information on the use of the UDC in the field of the social sciences and on useful FID publications.

Dr. H. Rotter from Salzburg, Austria, visited the General Secretariat on September 8 and on September 26, for a discussion of his project to improve the tools of the users of scientific information whose requirements are only partly met by the existing information services.

Dr. Carlo Carli, Director of the Department of Sociology, Istituto per la Scienza dell' Amministrazione Publica in Milan was our first visitor in the new office of FID on September 16, 1960. Dr. Carli was particularly interested in the application of class 3, Social sciences, of the UDC, and other FID publications on documentation.

Circular letters

Circular letters not marked * for confidential are available free from the General Secretariat of FID.

*F(Comm) 60-96	(23.8.'60) Note on the organization of the UDC work.
F(Comm) 60-97	(23.8.'60) Report of the secretariat of the Training Commission of FID.
F(Memb) 60-98	(23.8.'60) Mr. Simon M. Newman of Washington applies for elected associate membership.
*F(Bur) 60-99	(23.8.'60) Minutes of the Bureau meeting in Rio de Janeiro in July 1960.
*F(Comm) 60-100	(23.8.'60) Minutes of the meeting of the General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro in July 1960 (A summary report appeared in the August issue of our Bulletin).
*F(Bur) 60-101	(19.8.'60) Proposed agenda for the Bureau meeting to be held in The Hague on September 19 and 20, 1960.
*F(Conf) 60-102	(2.9.'60) Suggested programme for the FID conference in London in 1961. (See this issue of our News Bulletin for the provisional programme.)
F(Gen) 60-103	(2.9.'60) Amendments to FID's statutes.
F(Gen) 60-104	(2.9.'60) Request to approve FID's Annual Report, F(Gen)60-87.
F(Comm) 60-105	(2.9.'60) Report on FID's Training Committee.
F(Bur) 60-106	(2.9.'60) Vacancy in the Vice-Presidency.
*F(Progr) 60-107	(8.9.'60) Note on a Conference on machine translation. (See the announcement in this issue of our Bulletin.)
F(Publ) 60-108	(...9.'60) Seventh Supplement to FID's „Manual on document reproduction and selection" *(for subscribers)*.
*F(Gen) 60-109	(16.9.'60) Rectification of the numbering of circular letters to the Bureau.
*F(Cons) 60-110	(16.9.'60) Rectification of the minutes of the General Assembly meeting in Rio de Janeiro.
F(Gen) 60-111	(16.9.'60) Notification of new address of FID.
*F(Conf) 60-112	(16.9.'60) Corrected dates of the 27th Conference of FID in London in 1961. (See this issue of our News Bulletin.)
*F(Comm) 60-113	(16.9.'60) Note on reorganization of UDC work.
F(Comm) 60-114	(26.9.'60) Invitation to the meeting of FID/C 3 in Würzburg on October 20-21, 1960.
F(Progr) 60-115	(26.9.'60) UDC information services, a supplement to F(Progr)60-60 of june 3, 1960.
F(Comm) 60-116	(26.9.'60) Note on the scope and composition of CCC/S „Social sciences".

A series of circular letters to the Bureau on September 8, 1960, numbered -102 to -106 has been renumbered -102 A to -106 A. They concern:

*-102, Classification committees.
*-103, Latin American Commission of FID.
*-104, Agenda for the Bureau meeting in The Hague.
*-105, A project of Dr. Rotter.
*-106, Latin American Commission of FID.

A guide to abstracting journals

Index Bibliographicus

Directory of current periodical abstracts and bibliographies

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